

## WOMAN'S BODY IS EXHUMED AT SIKESTON

Postmortem Shows Wool Forced in Stomach Killed Mrs. James Brown

## HUSBAND MARRIED WEEK AFTER BURIAL

Nurse Who Cared for Daughter of N. A. Morris Weds Widower

Sikeston, Mo., July 15.—The body of Mrs. Myrtle Morris Brown, which was exhumed here last night, was opened by physicians here today, and after an examination of the organs, it was announced that the death three weeks ago was caused by peritonitis, induced by a wad of cotton forced into her stomach.

The post mortem, which was made by a committee, composed largely of doctors, was the outcome of serious charges made here by members of the dead woman's family.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Norman B. Morris, one of the best known men in Scott County, and his dead daughter was considered one of the prettiest girls in this city.

She was married about a year ago to James Brown of Blythesville, Ark. She was stricken with stomach trouble at her Arkansas home about one month ago, and peritonitis developed. According to her husband, an operation was performed by a doctor in Blythesville. Her death came as a great shock to her parents in this city, as they had not been informed that she was seriously ill.

Brown and a woman, who acted as Mrs. Brown's nurse, accompanied the body from Arkansas to Sikeston. After the funeral Brown and the nurse returned to Blythesville, and nine days later, according to Mr. Norman B. Morris, the couple were married.

This hasty marriage caused much comment in both Sikeston and Blythesville, and serious charges were made. These were advanced by friends of the Morris family and they reached the parents of the dead woman.

Mr. Morris was called into a conference with city officials of Sikeston, and one meeting was followed by another. Early yesterday morning, at Mr. Morris' request a committee was appointed to have the body exhumed and to hold a post-mortem examination.

Last night this committee, which was headed by Dr. G. V. Miller, one of the most prominent physicians in this part of the state, went to the cemetery and ordered the sexton to take up Mrs. Brown's body.

From the cemetery it was taken to an undertaking parlor in this city, and a post-mortem held. After removing the liver, kidneys and stomach, the body was then reburied. A thorough analysis of these organs was made, and when the stomach was opened, a large wad of cotton wool was found. It apparently had been forced into the cavity.

This, according to the physicians who took part in the post-mortem, was responsible for the attack of peritonitis, which caused her death. One of the doctors informed the correspondent of The Tribune tonight that he thought the wool was inserted by someone who was not a member of the medical profession.

The physician, explaining the committee's action, tonight said:

"The conditions under which Mrs. Brown died and the developments which have followed her burial, aroused much suspicion. Every feature of this case has been clouded in mystery.

"When we decided to hold a post-mortem, we did not expect the investigation would divulge the startling facts that it did.

"When we began the investigation we were of the opinion that poison might be found in some organ. The wad of wool was a distinct surprise. It was, of course, responsible for her death. I am not in a position to say how it got in the stomach cavity, but I do know that it killed her.

"The wool must have been forced into the stomach, and I do not believe this was done by a practicing physician. It was not as if the parties who performed this much plebeian service did it in a casual manner. The fact is, it was a deliberate act, and it was done by someone who was not a member of the medical profession.

## HUERTA SENDS RESIGNATION TO HIS CONGRESS

Lawmakers Appoint Committee to Act—Carbajal is Ready to Succeed Him

## VILLA SAYS REBELS WILL IGNORE CHANGE

Foreign Troops at Vera Cruz to be Rushed to Capital to Keep Peace

By telegraph to The Tribune.

Mexico City, July 15.—Provisional President Huerta tonight sent his resignation to the Mexican Congress and urged that early action be taken upon it. In his statement, the dictator stated that in abdicating he had taken no thought of his own personal fortunes or safety, but had decided to quit through motives of patriotism.

Amid cries of "Viva Huerta," his resignation was read and referred to a committee. Francisco Carbajal, the foreign minister, is prepared to take the oath as Provisional President whenever Huerta's resignation is acted upon.

Juarez, Mexico, July 15.—"The resignation of Huerta and the naming of Carbajal as President will not stop the war. Carbajal won't do it." That was the statement made tonight by Gen. Pancho Villa, when he learned that Huerta had quit.

"We must make our victory complete," he continued. "My men are getting ready for an advance and Huerta's resignation will not stop them. I think you will find that Huerta intends to take the field.

Washington, July 15.—American troops with marines from the German, British and other foreign ships at Vera Cruz will be rushed to Mexico City to protect the capital from looting and rioting that threatens the announcement that Huerta has abdicated.

It became known today that Huerta's object in repairing the railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, is not for the purpose of getting himself and family to safety, but to get the American and other foreign forces into the Capital to preserve order and to protect the city from abuses by the victorious Constitutionists.

A call for these troops will come from Carbajal when the situation becomes threatening. It remains to Huerta and the transfer of authority to Carbajal will bring order or chaos and result in the termination of a civil war in the Mexican Republic.

On the contrary the Constitutionists have maintained repeatedly that they would not recognize a person or form of government which derives its authority from Huerta. Carbajal is plainly in this class.

Under the circumstances it appears that the only way the Carbajal government can be maintained will be by the United States and other powers sending armed forces to the Capital, to check the advance of the rebels and to compel them to accept the situation.

Whether this will be done, depends solely upon the administration at Washington. Wilson's entire ambition has been the elimination of Huerta personally.

It is now for him to determine whether a man to whom Huerta turned over the reins of the government should be eliminated or supported, or whether the way shall be left open for the Constitutionists to enter the capital and take over the authority of the government by sheer force of arms.

Alvin Boss and Henry Puls of Jackson passed through the Cape yesterday afternoon in an automobile, on their return from McClure, Ill., where they had been for a short business trip.

Dr. B. W. Hays of Jackson was a Cape visitor yesterday.

W. E. Schade and Herbert Balch of Jackson, accompanied by Rudolph Adams of Potosi, came down to the Cape in an auto yesterday afternoon, returning to Jackson a few hours later, in the rear of the express.

Thomas Hill, the well known local physician, is in the city on a business trip.

## SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS FIGHT, SEVERAL HURT

One Man Attacked and Almost Scalped—Doctor Calls Case Serious

## ROWDIES ACTIONS ARE DEPLORED BY OFFICER

Donnelly Arrests Men Who Violate Encampment rules—Thinks Trouble Over

The illfeeling that has been brewing between the rowdies in the National Guard and the rough neck element of Cape Girardeau reached a crisis last night, and resulted in several fights.

Several residents of the Cape were found pretty badly disfigured by a mixup with a squad of soldiers and a corps of soldiers were taken back to camp shortly before midnight bearing evidences of battle.

There is a small percentage of the soldiers encamping here who have displayed objectionable qualities during their pilgrimages over the city, beginning Monday night. Some of them accosted women and girls on the street, and made themselves generally objectionable.

This was the original cause of the fights between the guards and the civilians. The citizens who originally took part in these affrays did so because members of their families had been insulted.

But last night's collisions were participated in by what might be called gangs. The men on both sides were of the gang type and they fought for the sake of the sport.

Col. A. B. Donnelly, who is in charge of the soldiers, deplored the conduct of his men and the residents of this city who engaged them in battle.

"I have tried to have the members of this encampment conduct themselves as gentlemen, and I am indeed sorry that they have been accused of taking part in these disturbances. I ordered a provost guard of one hundred men to patrol Cape Girardeau tonight and place any disorderly soldier under arrest. They did take several into custody and they will be punished in accordance with the offense which they committed.

"When a large body of men get together, it seems almost impossible to compel all of them to conduct themselves as decency demands they should. But my men will not escape just punishment. And I shall make every effort to put an end to this ungentlemanly conduct."

Harrison Tyler was a victim of the illfeeling existing between the soldiers and the civilians. While he did not take part in any of the fights, he was attacked in Haig last night and almost scalped. He was left unconscious.

When found by pedestrians, he was taken to the office of Dr. G. W. Walker. Dr. Walker found that Harrison's scalp had almost been removed. The wound, the physician said, resembled that of a saber cut. On the right side of his head was a gash three inches long and on the left side of the face a wound of almost equal dimensions. These were dressed and several stitches were taken. His right shoulder was badly bruised and he suffered internal pains, due, the physician believes to a kick in the stomach.

A number of residents suffered minor injuries and several soldiers were taken out to the encampment grounds badly disfigured. A telegram from Gov. Major last night stated that he would be unable to attend the encampment. He said his duties at the Capital would not permit him to spend any time in this city. He had planned to come to the Cape tomorrow.

E. J. Ross, a big farmer from near Commerce, came up to the Cape yesterday to purchase a large quantity of baling wire.

Tom McClure, a prominent business man and farmer from McClure, Ill., was in the Cape yesterday looking after some business interests. Mr. McClure has recently purchased a new automobile.

F. T. Beach and A. C. Brown, two prominent local physicians, were in the Cape yesterday on a business trip.

John H. McPherson departed yesterday for St. Louis where he will be engaged on several days on matters of business.

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## BOY'S APPENDIX 4 INCHES LONG

Child Brought to the Cape From McClure, Ill., in Serious Condition

Willie Miles the eleven-year-old son of Lon W. Miles, of McClure, Ill., was brought to this city yesterday morning by his father and Dr. C. E. Duncan.

They began their journey in an automobile, but finding the roads too rough for their little patient, they abandoned the auto and finished the trip in a gasoline lunch.

The party arrived in the Cape at about nine o'clock yesterday morning and were met at the landing by Lorberg's ambulance in which the boy was conveyed to St. Francis Hospital.

He was found to be suffering from appendicitis and was operated upon by Dr. John D. Porterfield, Jr., at one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Although the lad had been sick but two days his condition had become very serious. The appendix was more than four inches in length, and was perforated in several places.

The large intestine is in a gangrenous condition, as was the peritoneal lining of the abdominal wall of the right side, producing a plastic peritonitis. The case is a very serious one, and there is but little chance for recovery, according to the physicians.

At a late hour the child was doing as well as could be expected.

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E. L. Miller of Sikeston laid over in this city Wednesday, on his way to St. Louis where he will remain for several days on matters of business.

J. H. McPherson departed yesterday for St. Louis where he will be engaged on several days on matters of business.

John H. McPherson, a prominent local physician, was in the Cape yesterday on a business trip.

## POISONOUS SNAKE BITES A FARMER

Reptile, Lurking Beneath Potato Vine Buries Fangs In Geo. Pierce

George Pierce, a farmer living near Neely's Landing was bitten by a monster copper head snake last Saturday while engaged in pulling the weeds out of his potato patch.

The reptile was coiled under the sheltering leaves of a big weed, and when Mr. Pierce reached down to grasp the stalk of the undesirable plant, the cruel and poisonous fangs were sunk into the fleshy part of his hand, between the thumb and fingers.

At first he could not realize that he had been bitten, thinking that some of the coarse fibre or a sliver had been forced through the skin.

When the reptile began to uncoil for the purpose of crawling away, its be seen whether the abdication of movements were detected and Mr. Pierce realized what had befallen him, at once. He lost no time in killing the serpent, which proved to be of unusual size, measuring almost three feet in length.

Rushing to the house which was but a short distance away, Mr. Pierce quickly obtained some strong strips of cloth, and proceeded to bandage the arm above the wrist so tightly that circulation was virtually stopped.

He then took a sharp knife and cut out the flesh immediately surrounding the bite, after which he proceeded to suck the poison from the wound with his mouth.

The presence of mind thus displayed, no doubt saved the victim's life, as the copper head is considered to be not only the most treacherous, but the most virulently poison of all American snakes.

The hand swelled to abnormal proportions, and for several hours the pain was quite intense. The swelling began to subside Sunday afternoon, and the pain had almost entirely disappeared by Monday night.

The doctor who attended the case, Dr. C. E. Duncan, says that the case is a very serious one, and there is but little chance for recovery, according to the physicians.

## MISS FRANCISCO STRICKEN ACTING

Well Known Actress Falls in Faint on The Princess Stage

## HER SISTER ACTS ALONE

Nervous Prostration Will Compel Young Woman to Cancel Chicago Engagement

Miss Elizabeth Francisco, of the Francisco Sister Team, collapsed in the middle of her act at the Princess theater Tuesday night, and was in such serious condition that she was unable to fill her engagement for the evening.

Her sister, Miss Marguerite Francisco, was compelled to supply a program singly as a result of her sister's illness.

The act is an unusually difficult one on account of its intensity, and the strain coupled with the extreme heat, proved too much for the young lady's nerves and she became prostrated just before finishing the first half of their performance.

Miss Francisco is still in a very delicate condition, as a result of her breakdown, and will remain in this city at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ben Gockel, until her condition will warrant a resumption of her labors.

Miss Marguerite Francisco left this morning for Chicago, where she and sister are booked for a long engagement. She will work alone until Miss Elizabeth is well enough to join her in the work.

A letter was received from William Murdock, who is taking a vacation in the Cape, that he is well and expects to return to the Cape in a few days.